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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Carson and Albani Art Unit: 1645  
Application No.: 09/616,247 Examiner: Shahnan Shah, K.S.  
Filed: July 14, 2000  
Title: VACCINE COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS USEFUL IN  
INDUCING IMMUNE PROTECTION AGAINST ARTHRITOTOGENIC  
PEPTIDES INVOLVED IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF RHEUMATOID  
ARTHRITIS

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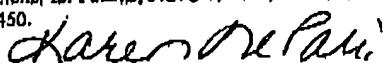
RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003 (no listed Paper No.), entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on December 2, 2003, in an envelope addressed to:  
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